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HEALTH CARE HELP FOR RETURNING MACOMB COUNTY VETERANS

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. – The Macomb County Veterans Services Department urges all soldiers returning from active duty in a theater of combat to contact its office in order to file for free health care benefits.

The benefits, which extend for two years after active duty, cover all illnesses and injuries except those clearly unrelated to military service. The benefits are offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs and are obtained from the VA Medical Center in Detroit.

“Soldiers who are returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan and are Macomb County residents should call our office as soon as possible to make sure they sign up for these free benefits,” said Richard Weaver, director of the county Veterans Services Department.

Those eligible for benefits include veterans who served on active duty in a theater of combat anytime after Nov. 11, 1998. Those dishonorably discharged are ineligible.

National Guard and Reserve units are eligible provided they were ordered to active duty by a federal declaration, served the full period for which they were activated and separated from active duty under honorable conditions.

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For more information or to file for Veterans Affairs benefits, call Richard Weaver at 586-469-5315. Veterans must have their DD-214 form to file for benefits.

About Macomb County

Macomb County is an enriching community in Southeastern Michigan that has one of the state's fastest rates of growth. Its 825,000 residents make it Michigan's third-largest county, with direct access to Lake St. Clair and Anchor Bay, and a host of cultural and entertainment options. Its highly skilled workforce and investment in new and expanding businesses make it open to enterprise. Active civic leadership translates into balanced budgets and Michigan's second-lowest tax rate. An increasingly diverse population and high quality of life make Macomb County accessible to all.

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